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October 10, 2007

Division of Oil, Gas & Mining 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210 Box 145801 Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5801

Attn: Diana Mason

Re:

Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc.

Main Canyon St #34-21-15-23 1220' FSL and 1899' FEL SW SE Section 21, T15S - R23E

**Uintah County, Utah** 

Dear Diana,

Enclosed please find two copies of the Application for Permit to Drill, along with the required attachments.

Please note that this location was staked at non-standard spacing in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Utah Division of Oil Gas and Mining. This was done for geologic considerations. Please also note that Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. is the only working interest owner within a 460 foot radius. Therefore, we request your administrative approval of this exception to spacing.

If you should need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact me. Approved copies of the A.P.D. should be sent to PermitCo Inc. at the address shown above.

Sincerely,

PERMITCO INC.

Venessa Langmacher

Consultant for

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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

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Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. - Denver, CO Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. - Rangely, CO Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining - Roosevelt, UT

# STATE OF UTAH DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

AMENDED REPORT (highlight changes)

DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

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# T15S, R23E, S.L.B.&M.

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## LEGEND:

L = 90° SYMBOL

= PROPOSED WELL HEAD.

▲ = SECTION CORNERS LOCATED.

 $\Delta$  = SECTION CORNERS RE-ESTABLISHED. (Not Set on Ground)

(AUTONOMOUS NAD 83)

LATITUDE = 39'29'40.90" (39.494694)

LONGITUDE = 109°20'42.60" (109.345167)

(AUTONOMOUS NAD 27) LATITUDE = 39'29'41.01" (39.494725)

LONGITUDE = 109'20'40.17" (109.344492)

E 1/4 Cor. Sec. 28, 1921 Brass Cap, 0.6' High

# PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES USA, INC.

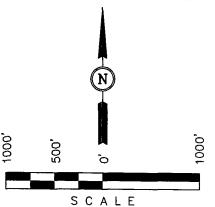
Well location, MAIN CANYON ST #34-21-15-23, located as shown in the SW 1/4 SE 1/4 of Section 21, T15S, R23E, S.L.B.&M., Uintah County, Utah.

### BASIS OF ELEVATION

SPOT ELEVATION ALONG A JEEP TRAIL LOCATED IN THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 25, T14S, R22E, S.L.B.&M., TAKEN FROM THE PINE SPRINGS CANYON QUADRANGLE, UTAH, UINTAH COUNTY, 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHICAL MAP) PUBLISHED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, GEOLOGICAL SURVEY. SAID ELEVATION IS MARKED AS BEING 7172 FEET.

### BASIS OF BEARINGS

BASIS OF BEARINGS IS A G.P.S. OBSERVATION.



### CERTIFICATE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE PLATING PREPARED FROM FIELD NOTES OF ACTUAL SURVEYS MADE IN MANY UNDER MY SUPERVISION AND THAT THE SAME ARE THE AND OFFICE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELLER

N89°56'14"W — 2.0' Hi 2636.22' (Meas.) Stones

S 1/4 Cor. Sec. 22, 1921 Brass Cap, 2.0' High, Pile of Stones

REGISTERED DINGSURVE REGISTRATION NOV 161319

# UINTAH ENGINEERING & LANDINSURVEYING 85 SOUTH 200 EAST - VERNAL, UTAH 84078

(435) 789–1017

SCALE 1" = 1000'	DATE SURVEYED: DATE DRAWN: 06-04-07 07-12-07 REFERENCES G.L.O. PLAT		
PARTY B.H. C.G. P.M.			
WEATHER HOT	PIONEER NATU	JRAL RESOURCES	

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# 1. <u>Estimated Tops/Geologic Markers</u>

The estimated tops of important geologic markers are as follows:

Formation	Depth	Subsea
Castlegate	4,425'	+2,974'
Mancos B	5,175'	+2,224'
Mancos B Base	5,860'	+1,939'
Dakota Silt	8,160'	-361'
Entrada	8,900'	-1,101'
Navajo	9,100'	-1,301'
Wingate	9,290'	-1,491'
Chinle	9,750'	-1,951'
TD	9,900'	-2,101'

# 2. <u>Estimated Depths and Names of Anticipated Water, Oil, Gas or Other Minerals Bearing</u> <u>Formations</u>

Substance	Formation	Depth
Water	Castlegate	4,425'
Gas	Mancos B	5,860'
Gas	Entrada	8,900'
Gas	Navajo	9,100'
Gas	Wingate	9,290'
Gas	Chinle	9,750'



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# 3. Well Control Equipment & Testing Procedures

Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc.'s minimum specifications for pressure control equipment are as follows:

Ram Type: 11" Hydraulic double with annular, 5000 psi w.p.

Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. will comply will all requirements pertaining to well control as listed in the Rule R649-3-7 of the Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining.

The size and rating of the BOP stack is shown on the attached diagram.

### 4. <u>Casing Program</u>

The proposed casing program will be as follows:

Purpose	Depth	Hole Size	O.D.	Weight	Grade	Туре	New/Used
Surface	0'-350'	14-3/4"	10-3/4"	40.5#	K-55	ST&C	New
Intermediate	0'-5,050'	9-7/8"	7-5/8"	29.7#	N80	LT&C	New
Liner '	850 <b>6</b> '-9,900'	6-3/4"	5-1/2"	17#	N80	LT&C	New

Casing design subject to revision based on geologic conditions encountered.

### 5. Cement Program

Surface	Type and Amount					
TOC @ Surface	270 sx Class G, 2% CaCl2, 1/4 lb/sk Flocele, 15.8 ppg, 1.15 ft3/sx.					
Intermediate Type and Amount						
TOC @ 150'	Lead: 310 sx Tuned Light System RS-1, 10.8 ppg, 4.13 ft3/sx. Tail: 150 sx Class G, 16.0 ppg, 1.12 ft3/sx.					
Production-Liner	Type and Amount					
TOC @4,850'	240 sx Tuned Light V1, 10.5 ppg, 2.3 ft3/sx.					



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### 6. <u>Drilling Fluids</u>

The proposed circulating mediums to be employed in drilling are as follows:

Interval	terval Mud Type		Visc.	F/L
0'-350'	Spud Mud	8.3 - 8.6	28	N/C
350'-9,900'	KCL Polymer	8.8 - 8.9	38 - 40	8 - 10

## 7. <u>Testing, Logging and Coring</u>

The anticipated type and amount of testing, logging and coring are as follows:

- a. No drill stem tests are anticipated.
- b. The logging program will consist of a GR from surface to surface casing and a Triple Combo-AIT/CNL/FDC/CAL/GR/SP/PE and a Temperature Tool GIH to be run from surface casing to Intermediate Casing Point. An SP/AIT/Scanning Sonic/CNL/FDC/CAL/GR/SP/PE and a Temperature Tool GIH will be run from Intermediate Casing point to TD. An ECS (Environmental Capture Spectrophy), Spectral GR will be run only over interval from Mancos Shale top to 50' into the Dakota Sand and an FMI will be run from the top of the Mancos B (5,212') to TD.
- c. No cores are anticipated.

### 8. Anticipated Pressures and H<sub>2</sub>S

 Normal pressures and temperatures are expected in the objective formation. A maximum bottom hole pressure of 4554 psi is expected. A maximum bottom hole temperature of 217 degrees Fahrenheit is anticipated. Sour gas (H2S) is not anticipated.

### 9. Water Source

a. Water will be trucked from a water well located in the SW SE Section 32, T4S - R3E. Ouray, UT Permit No. 43-8496



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# 10. Other Information

- a. Drilling is planned to commence in Spring, 2008
- b. It is anticipated that the drilling of this well will take approximately 26 days.
- c. Lining of the reserve pit will be done if deemed necessary by the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Minerals.
- d. At the end of drilling operations the location will be reclaimed and re-seeded as requested by the surface owner.

Surface Owner State of Utah



# CLASS III CULTURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY REPORT FOR

FIVE PROPOSED STATE WELL LOCATIONS
(MAIN CANYON STATE #12-16-15-23, MAIN CANYON STATE #34-21-15-23,
GRAND CANYONS STATE #23-35-15.5-23, HORSE POINT STATE #34-10-16-23, AND
HORSE POINT STATE #41-1-16-23)
AND RELATED LINEAR ROUTES IN
GRAND AND UINTAH COUNTIES, UTAH,
FOR
PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES USA, INC.

GRI Project No. 2756 23 August 2007

Prepared by

Grand River Institute
P.O. Box 3543
Grand Junction, Colorado 81502
BLM Antiquities Permit No. 07UT-54939
UDSH Project Authorization No. U07-GB-0656b,p,s

Carl E. Conner, Principal Investigator

### Submitted to

School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration 675 East 500 South, Suite 500 Salt Lake City, Utah 84102-2818

The Bureau of Land Management Vernal District Office 170 South 500 East Vernal, Utah 84078

#### Abstract

At the request of the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration (SITLA), the Bureau of Land Management Vernal Field Office (BLM), and Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. (Pioneer), Grand River Institute (GRI) conducted a Class III cultural resources inventory for five proposed statewell locations (Main Canyon State #12-16-15-23, Main Canyon State #34-21-15-23, Grand Canyons State #23-35-15.5-23, Horse Point State #34-10-16-23, and Horse Point State #41-1-16-23) and their related linear routes (5.6 miles) in Uintah and Grand Counties, Utah. This project was completed under under Utah Division of State History (UDSH) Project Authorization No. U07GB-0656bps and BLM Antiquities Permit No. 07UT-54939. The fieldwork was completed by Carl E. Conner (Principal Investigator), Barbara Davenport, Kevin O'Hanlon, and Dana Archuleta on the of 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup> of August 2007. A total of 185.7 acres (State 149.8, BLM 27.3, and private 8.6) was surveyed.

The inventory was undertaken to ensure the project's compliance with State and Federal legislation governing the identification and protection of cultural resources. The purposes of this investigation were to identify resources within the project areas that may be adversely affected by the proposed action, to evaluate these sites' eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), and to make management recommendations for those sites found to be eligible.

Two isolated finds were newly recorded. The files search indicated one site (42UN913) was previously recorded nearby. It was revisited and reevaluated by this inventory. The site is an open lithic scatter with no surface evidence of hearth features and no apparent depth of cultural fill. It was previously evaluated as non-significant and not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. No changes were made to that evaluation. Accordingly, archaeological clearance is recommended for this project.

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#### Introduction

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The survey was done to meet requirements of Utah Code, Title 9, Chapter 8; Utah Public Lands Policy Coordination Office Rule 694-1; Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (43 U.S.C. 1701); National Historic Preservation Act (as amended in 1992); National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969; Executive Order 11593 (36 F.R.8921); Historical and Archaeological Data-Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 469); and, Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (16 U.S.C. 470aa et seq., as amended). These laws are concerned with the identification, evaluation, and protection of fragile, nonrenewable evidences of human activity, occupation and endeavor reflected in districts, sites, structures, artifacts, objects, ruins, works of art, architecture, and natural features that were of importance in human events. Such resources tend to be localized and highly sensitive to disturbance.

### Location of the Project Area

The project area is located approximately 65 miles southeast of the town of Vernal, Utah. The proposed wells, access roads and pipelines are found in T. 15 S., R. 23 E., Sections 16, 21, 22, 27, and 28; T. 15.5 S., R. 23 E., Section 35; T. 16 S., R. 23 E., Sections 1, 2, 10, 14 and 15; T. 16 S., R.24 E., Sections 6 and 7; S.L.B.M. (Figures 1-3).

### **Environment**

The project area is located along the south border of the Uinta Basin, a major geologic subdivision of the Colorado Plateau. The basin is distinctively bowl-shaped and bounded by mountains on all sides. Physiographically, the basin includes the Uinta basin in the northern portion and the Book Cliffs/Roan Plateau in the south portion. The geology of the basin consists of Quaternary- and Tertiary-age deposits which include Holocene and Pleistocene pediment deposits, and Eocene-age fluvial and lacustrine sedimentary rocks. The Tertiary-age Green River Formation forms the bedrock of the study area.

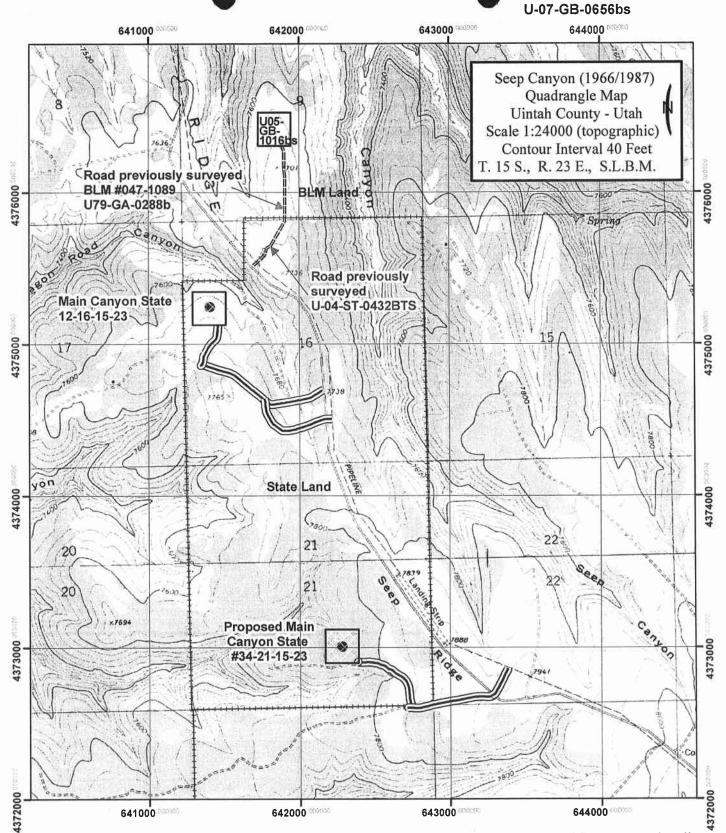


Figure 1. Project location map (1 of 3) for the Class III cultural resources inventory of five proposed well well locations and related linear routes in Grand and Uintah Counties, Utah for Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. Areas surveyed for cultural resources are highlighted. [GRI Project No. #2756, 08/23/07]

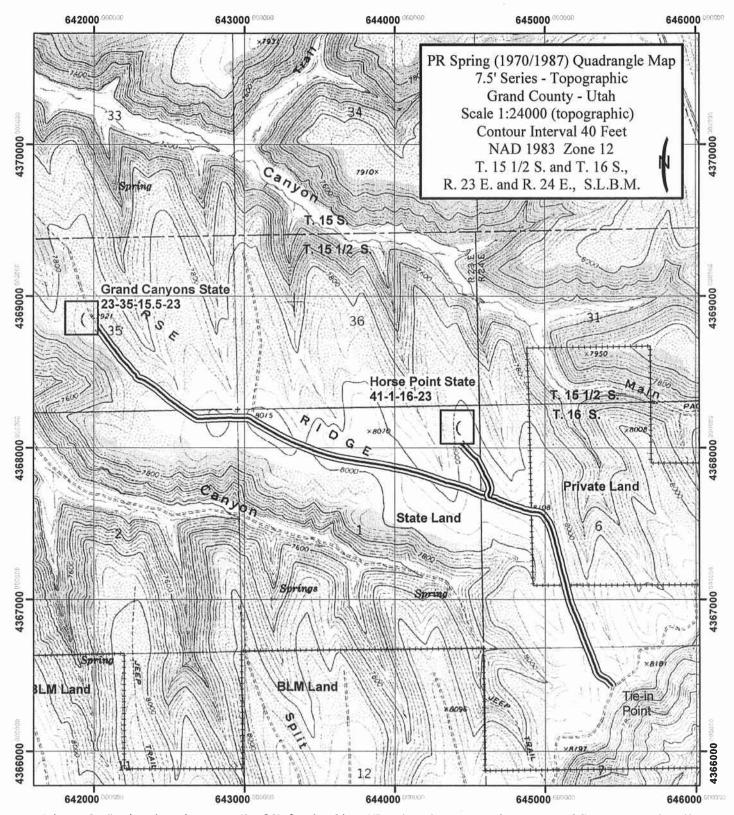


Figure 2. Project location map (2 of 3) for the Class III cultural resources inventory of five proposed well well locations and related linear routes in Grand and Uintah Counties, Utah for Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. Areas surveyed for cultural resources are highlighted. [GRI Project No. #2756, 08/23/07]

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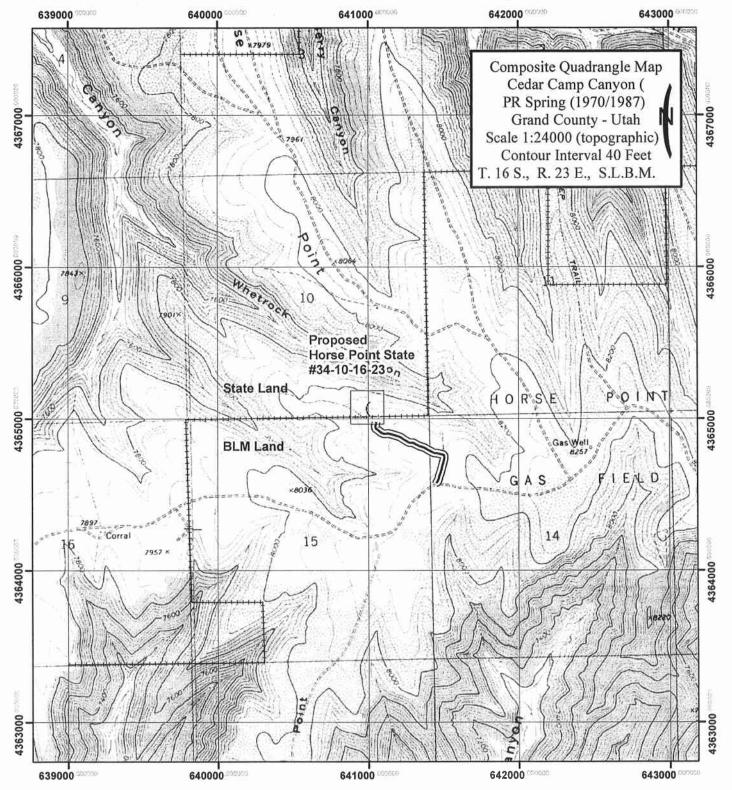


Figure 3. Project location map (3 of 3) for the Class III cultural resources inventory of five proposed well well locations and related linear routes in Grand and Uintah Counties, Utah for Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. Areas surveyed for cultural resources are highlighted. [GRI Project No. #2756, 08/23/07]

Elevations in the inventoried areas range from about 7600 feet-to-8200 feet, which falls within the Transitional Zone. The natural vegetation cover on the ridge tops is pinyon-juniper forest mixed with sagebrush/grasslands and some oakbrush in the lower elevations. The higher elevation ridges have groves of aspen, common particularly at the heads of drainages. In the higher elevations, the understory is quite thick, consisting of chokecherry, smooth maple, serviceberry, and wild rose. On the steep slopes bordering these uplands is found the only coniferous forest type of the project area, the Douglas fir. Associated understory is light--predominantly snowberry, serviceberry, and barberry. The flat terrain of the project areas is occupied by mountain big sage and western snowberry. Gentle north and east-facing aspects support a mountain brush community—Utah serviceberry, gambel oak, and snowberry. Ground cover ranges from 80 to 100 percent. Soils on the ridge tops are shallow loams with intermixed shale, or fractured shale. Down from the ridge tops, soils deepen and become darker and loamier.

Nineteen mammal species—among them the deer mouse, least chipmunk, short-tailed weasel, mule deer, and black bear—and 38 bird species are known in the Douglas fir community. Amid the aspen environment are 16 mammals—including the deer mouse, masked shrew, least chipmunk, northern pocket gopher, montane vole, porcupine, striped skunk, short-tailed weasel, red fox, deer, and elk—and 30 birds. The mountain brush community attracts 37 bird species and 27 mammal species, among these the rock squirrel, bushy-tailed woodrat, deer mouse, porcupine, least chipmunk, beaver, muskrat, raccoon, striped skunk, coyote, red fox, and the short-tailed weasel (Union Oil Company, Energy Mining Division 1982:H14-18). Present land use includes energy development, open range for domestic animals, and modern hunting.

Climatically, the region is characterized as having a steppe-type climate. Average annual rainfall ranges roughly between 12 and 24 inches. On the Roan Plateau at 8000 feet, the average annual rainfall is 25.66 inches and the average annual temperature is 35.5° F. (ibid.:182, Tables K.1.5 and K.1.7). Temperatures have varied between -20 degrees F. in winter and 90 degrees F. in summer with a frost free seasonal range of 70 to 100 days. Agriculture is limited by the low rainfall, a short period of frost-free days, and low winter temperatures (USDA SCS 1978). Paleoenvironmental data for the area are scant, but it is agreed that gross climatic conditions have remained fairly constant over the last 12,000 years. Still, changes in effective moisture and cooling/ warming trends probably affected the prehistoric occupation of the area.

### **Summary of Files Search**

The prefield check-in was made on 15 August 2007. A records search was made through the Utah Division of State History. This was conducted to determine which areas were previously surveyed, to identify all known cultural resources in the vicinity of the study area, and to gather pertinent published and unpublished information on previous surveys in the immediate area. This information is important in the interpretation and evaluation of the

cultural resources that were expected to be found and to identify resources that may be adversely affected. This search indicated one prehistoric site (42UN913, an open lithic scatter, non-significant) was recorded near the proposed access to the Main Canyon State 12-16-15-23 well location. It was originally recorded as part of the U80-UB-0251 project and was revisited as part of U04-SF-0432, and was revisited during this inventory

Several other cultural resources inventory projects occur within or near the present project's boundaries. Part of the access to the Main Canyon State #34-21-15-23 was inventoried as part of project U01-MQ-0531. A linear portion of previous project U02-NV-0340 crosses through the 10-acre inventory area for the Horse Point State #34-10-16-23. A pipeline was previously inventoried under project U03-MQ-0753b that follows the Divide Road, which is the terminal point of the linear route that connects the Grand Canyons State #23-35-15.5-23 and the Horse Point State #41-1-16-23. Drill holes were inventoried along that same route that follows the existing Horse Point ridge road under project U84-MA-763bs, but only one occurs near one of the 10-acre survey areas. Also, one large seismic project (surveyed as U05-ST-1038bps) had lines placed throughout the present project area.

Regional archaeological studies suggest nearly continuous human occupation of northeastern Utah for the past 12,000 years. Evidence of the Paleoindian Tradition, the Archaic Tradition, Fremont Culture, and Protohistoric/Historic Utes has been found. Historic records suggest occupation or use by EuroAmerican trappers, settlers, miners, and ranchers as well. Overviews of the prehistory and history of the region are provided in the Utah BLM Cultural Resource Series No. 11, "Archaeological Inventory in the Seep Ridge Cultural Study Tract, Uintah County, Northeastern Utah with a Regional Predictive Model for Site Locations" (Chandler and Larralde 1980), in the "Cultural Resources Existing Data Inventory Vernal District, Utah" (Jones and Mackay 1980), and in the BLM Grand Resource Area Class I Cultural Resource Inventory (Horn et al. 1994).

### **Study Objectives**

The inventory was undertaken to ensure the project's compliance with state and federal legislation governing the identification and protection of cultural resources. The purposes of this investigation were to identify resources within the project area that may be adversely affected by the proposed action, to evaluate these sites' eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), and to make management recommendations for those sites found to be eligible.

### **Field Methods**

A 100 percent, intensive, pedestrian Class III cultural resource survey of the previously unsurveyed 10-acre blocks related to well pad placement was conducted by two archaeologists who walked a series of north-south and east-west transects spaced at 20-meter

intervals. The inventory of the proposed linear routes was conducted by two surveyors who walked parallel transects spaced at 15 meter intervals to cover 200 foot-wide corridors.

Cultural resources were sought as surface exposures and were characterized as sites or isolated finds. Sites were defined as discrete loci of patterned activity greater than 50 years of age and consisting of 5 or more prehistoric artifacts with or without features or over 50 historic artifacts with associated features. Also, a single isolated hearth with no other associated artifacts or features was to be recorded as a site. Isolated finds were defined as less than 5 artifacts without associated features; historic trash dumps without associated features; single core reduction events with a single core and associated reduction debitage; single pot drops where the sherds are from a single vessel; or prospector pits with/or without artifacts and no associated historic structures or features.

Environmental constraints which might be expected included previous natural ground disturbance that has modified the surface so extensively that the likelihood of finding cultural resources is negligible; human activity within the past 50 years that has created a new land surface such that all traces of cultural resources have been eradicated; natural environmental characteristics that are unfavorable to the presence of historic properties; slopes greater than 30% where no potential for rock shelter, rock art, or other cultural properties associated with rock faces or ledges exist; and areas with 100% vegetation coverage.

All cultural resources that qualified as sites (such as prehistoric open camps, lithic scatters, occupied overhangs, rockshelters, and evidence of historic occupation) or isolated finds were recorded as they were encountered to standards set by the BLM and the State. Cultural resources were to be recorded using the following methods of mapping and note taking. The basic approach to the data collection was to be the continuous mapping of observed artifacts and features by recording UTM coordinates (NAD 83 Datum) using a Trimble Geo XT. Site maps were to be created using corrected GPS data and ARCMAP. Photographs were to be taken at each site and include general views and specific artifacts or features. Field notes for this project are on file at Grand River Institute. No artifacts were collected.

### **Study Findings**

No cultural resource sites were newly recorded; however, the files search indicated one site (42UN913) was recorded nearby. It was revisited and reevaluated by this inventory. Two isolated finds were also documented. Appendix A contains site location data and maps showing the relationship between the resource and the potential area of direct impact. For additional information, refer to the IMACS continuation form in Appendix A (on file at the Utah Division of State History and the BLM Vernal Field Office). After a discussion of site

significance evaluation, this portion of the report briefly describes the site and provides a field evaluation.

### Site Significance

The National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA) directs federal agencies to ensure that authorized actions do not inadvertently disturb or destroy significant cultural resource values. Significance is a quality of cultural resource properties that qualifies them for inclusion in the NRHP. The statements of significance included in this report are field assessments to support recommendations to the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO). The final determination of site significance is made by the controlling federal agency in consultation with the SHPO and the Keeper of the Register.

The Code of Federal Regulations was used as a guide for the in-field site evaluations. Titles 36 CFR 50, 36 CFR 800, and 36 CFR 64 are concerned with the concepts of significance and (possible) historic value of cultural resources. Titles 36 CFR 65 and 36 CFR 66 provide standards for the conduct of significant and scientific data recovery activities. Finally, Title 36 CFR 60.4 establishes the measure of significance that is critical to the determination of a site's NRHP eligibility, which is used to assess a site's research potential:

The quality of significance in American history, architecture, archaeology, and culture is present in districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects of State and local importance that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and a) that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of history; or b) that are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past; or c) that embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction, or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or d) that have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in the prehistory or history.

### Site Description

Site 42UN913 is an open lithic scatter that has been previously recorded on two occasions. The initial recording was by DC and Marian Jacklin of UTARC (U80-UB-0251). At that time, it was characterized as a "lithic scatter of white chert and chalcedony flakes - mainly tertiary and secondary. One flake of grey brown flint. No diagnostic artifacts observed." The recorded site dimensions were 10m x 10m. The research potential was stated as minimal and avoidance was recommended. The second visit was by archaeologists of SWCA Environmental Consultants in 2004 (U04-SF-0432). At that time the site was

described as, "a prehistoric lithic scatter of unknown age comprised of a sparse scatter of flakes covering a 48m north/south x 43m east/west area. It is located in a burned, open flat along a northwest facing, dissected, slope of an unnamed ridge overlooking Jacks Wagon Road Canyon. Vegetation consists of a moderately dense pinyon-juniper overstory; a moderately dense shrub layer of low sagebrush; and a sparse to moderately dense ground layer of various short grasses, and forbs. Soil consists of a thin aeolian deposit (approximately 2-5cm) of light brown silty loam, and some shallow dispersed alluvial deposits. Previous disturbance to the site was limited to erosion. The artifact assemblage included one primary, one secondary and 30 tertiary flakes. Raw materials noted in the assemblage included five white chert, one gray chert, one tan chert, twenty white chalcedony, and five white/red chalcedony flakes."

During this revisit, the site was relocated, a new map was created that is updated with UTM data, and new photos taken. The site was in much the same condition, however this recording identified a uni-directional core fragment of brown with white cortex opalitic chert and a biface fragment of red/white banded chert. Again, no thermal or architectural features were identified.

### **Evaluation and Management Recommendation**

No changes are recommended to the previous evaluation of non-significant. The proposed access road passes through the south end of the present site boundary. However, since the site has been deemed non-significant with three on-site visits and no features are visible on the surface and the soils are shallow, no further work is recommended.

Two isolated finds were also recorded. IF#1 is a micro-flake of red chert and IF#2 is a chopper fragment of meta-quartzite (this could have been one that was previously recorded, because it was found in about the same location). Both were found along the access road to the Main Canyon State #12-16-15-23.

### **Management Summary**

The eligibility determination and consultation process is guided by Section 106 of the NHPA (36 CFR 60, 63, and 800). Inventory to identify, evaluate, and mitigate potential effects to cultural resources affected by an undertaking is the first step in the Section 106 process. Federal actions cannot be authorized until the Section 106 process is completed (36 CFR 800.3). Final determinations of National Register eligibility and effect should be sought from the controlling federal agencies in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.

Two isolated finds were newly recorded by this inventory and were field evaluated as non-significant. Previously recorded site 42UN913 was revisited. It was previously

evaluated as non-significant and not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, and no changes were made to that evaluation. Accordingly, archaeological clearance is recommended for this project.

As directed by the new 36 CFR800 regulations, this inventory included the search for relevant traditional cultural properties. Based on the files search, field survey, and this researchers personal knowledge, no such sites were found. The American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1979 (AIRFA) and amendments to National Historic Preservation Act require a determination of site's eligibility according to their classification as sacred sites by regional Tribes, and/or their location within traditional use areas. Presently, BLM archaeologists are conducting the consultations with the tribes.

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FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY: DISCLOSURE OF SITE LOCATIONS IS PROHIBITED (43 CFR 7.18)

Appendix A: Cultural Resources Location Data and IMACS Site Continuation Form

# PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES USA, INC.

MAIN CANYON ST #34-21-15-23 LOCATED IN UINTAH COUNTY, UTAH

SECTION 21, T15S, R23E, S.L.B.&M.



PHOTO: VIEW OF LOCATION STAKE

CAMERA ANGLE: NORTHERLY



PHOTO: VIEW FROM BEGINNING OF PROPOSED ACCESS

**CAMERA ANGLE: NORTHWESTERLY** 



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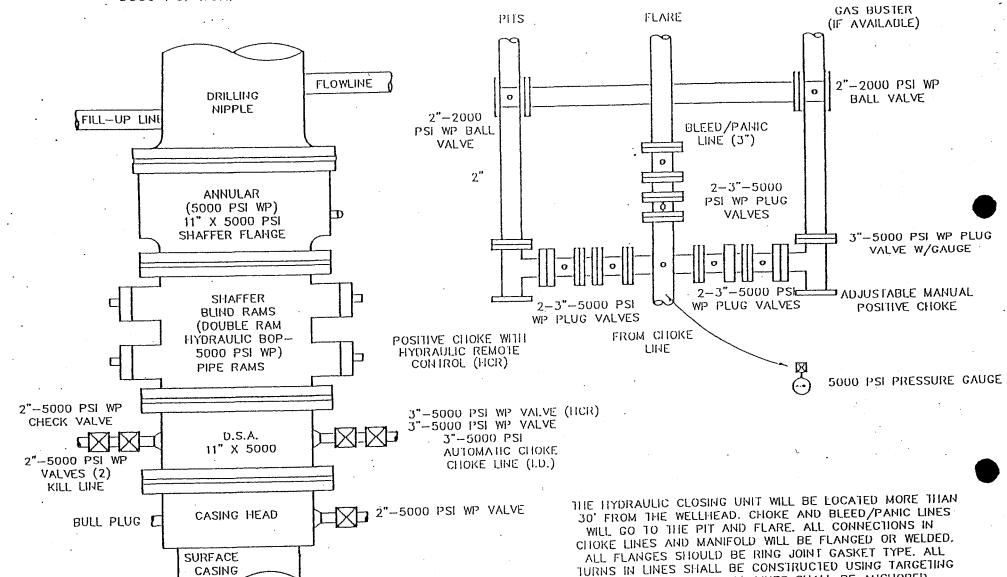
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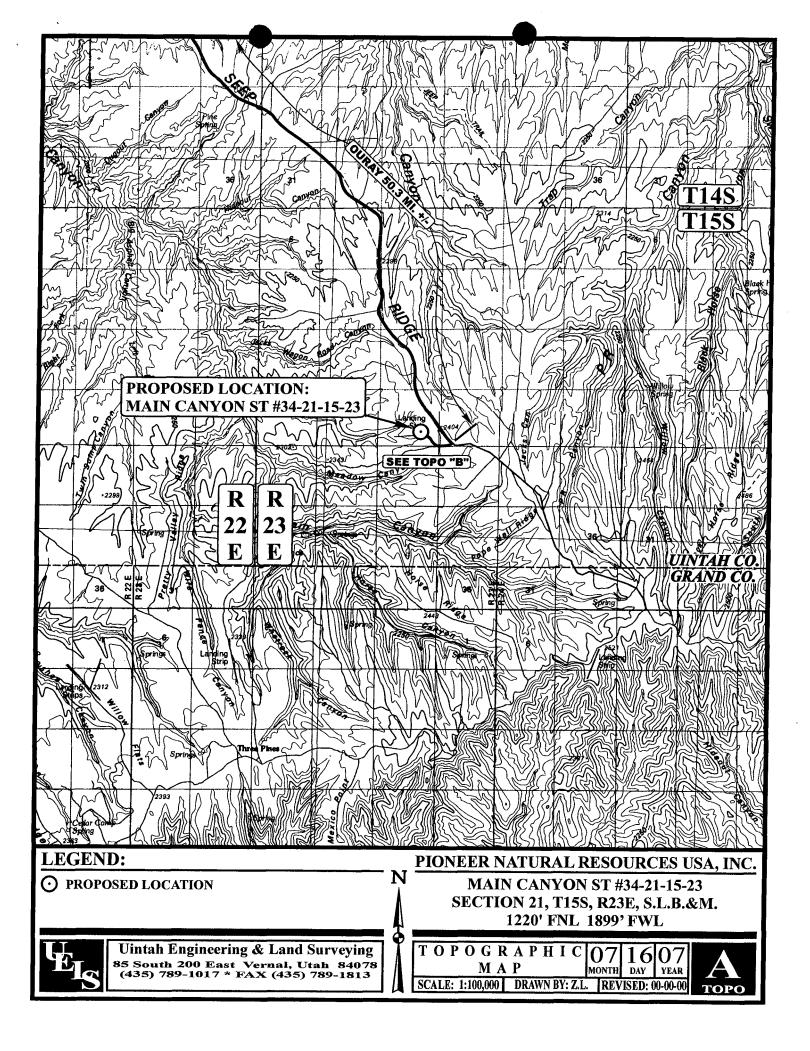
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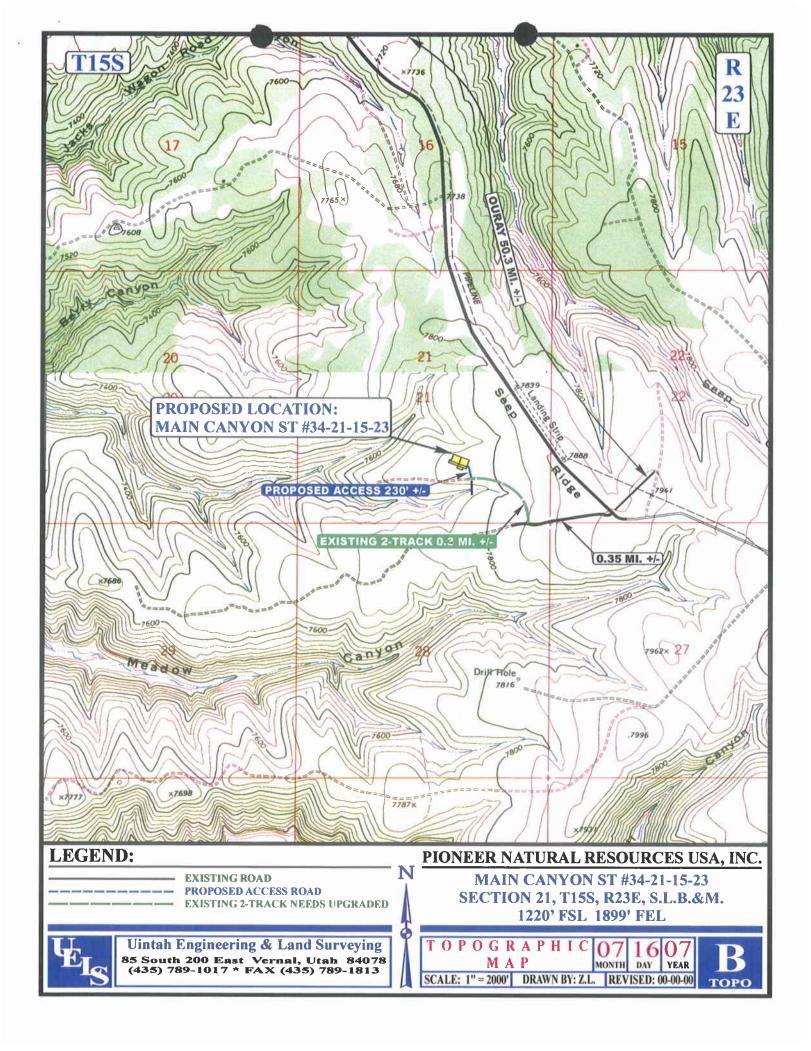
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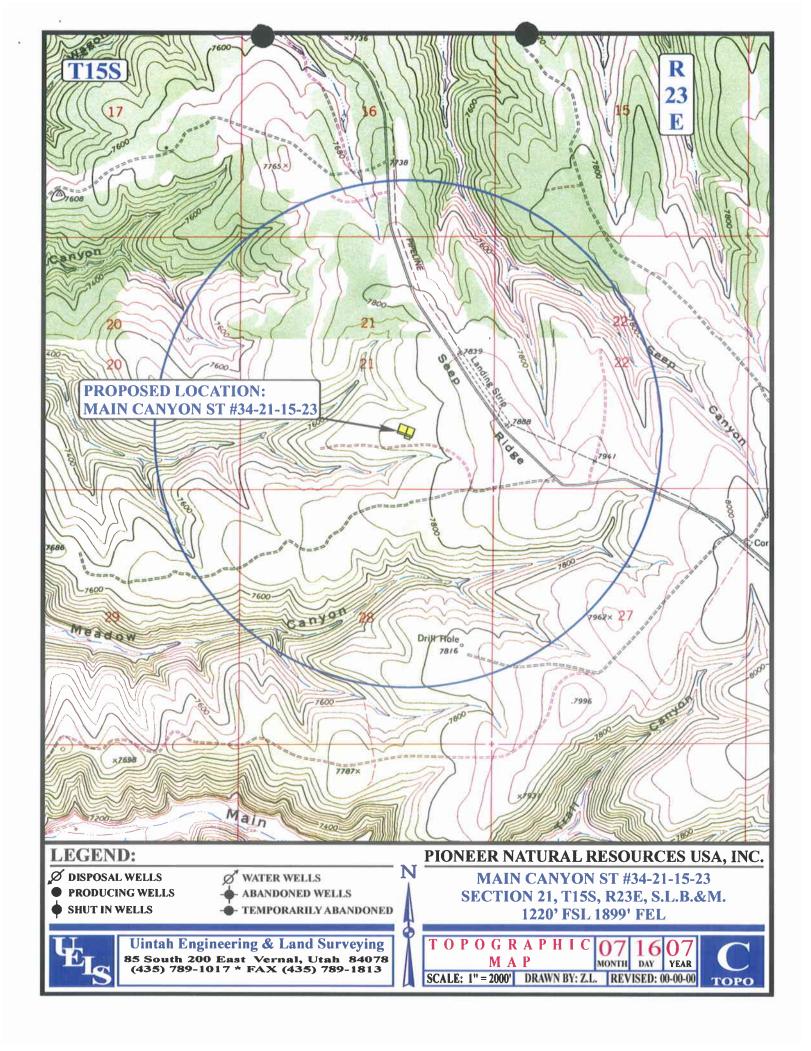
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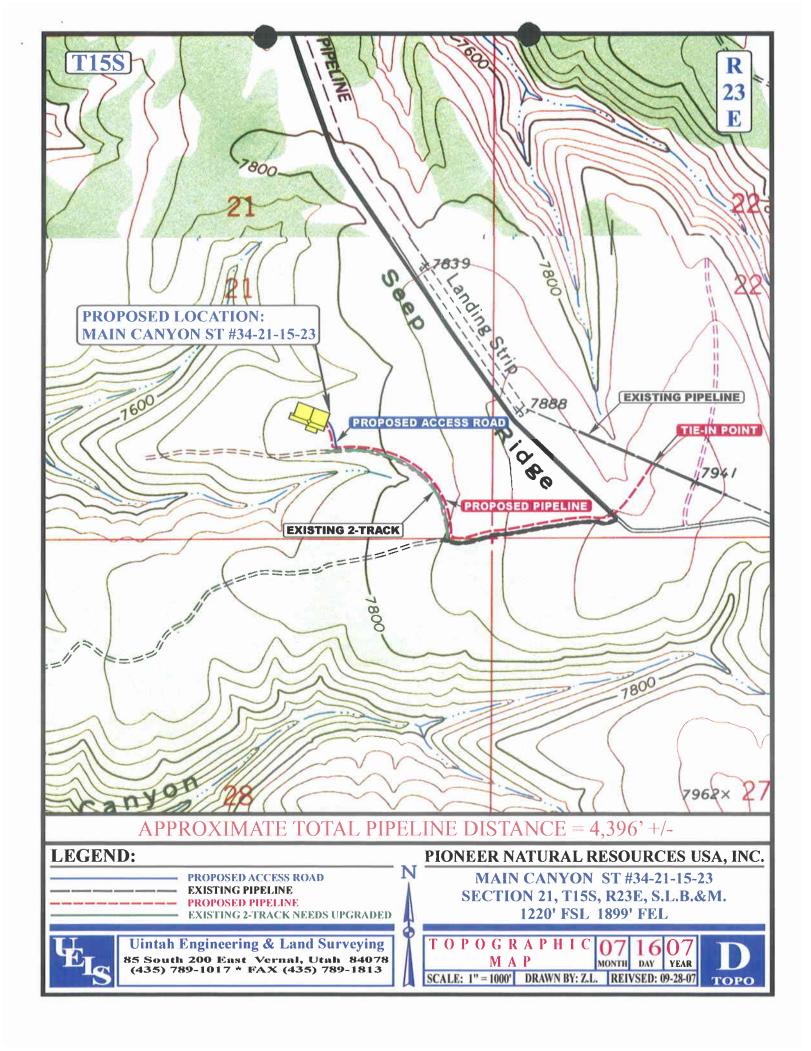
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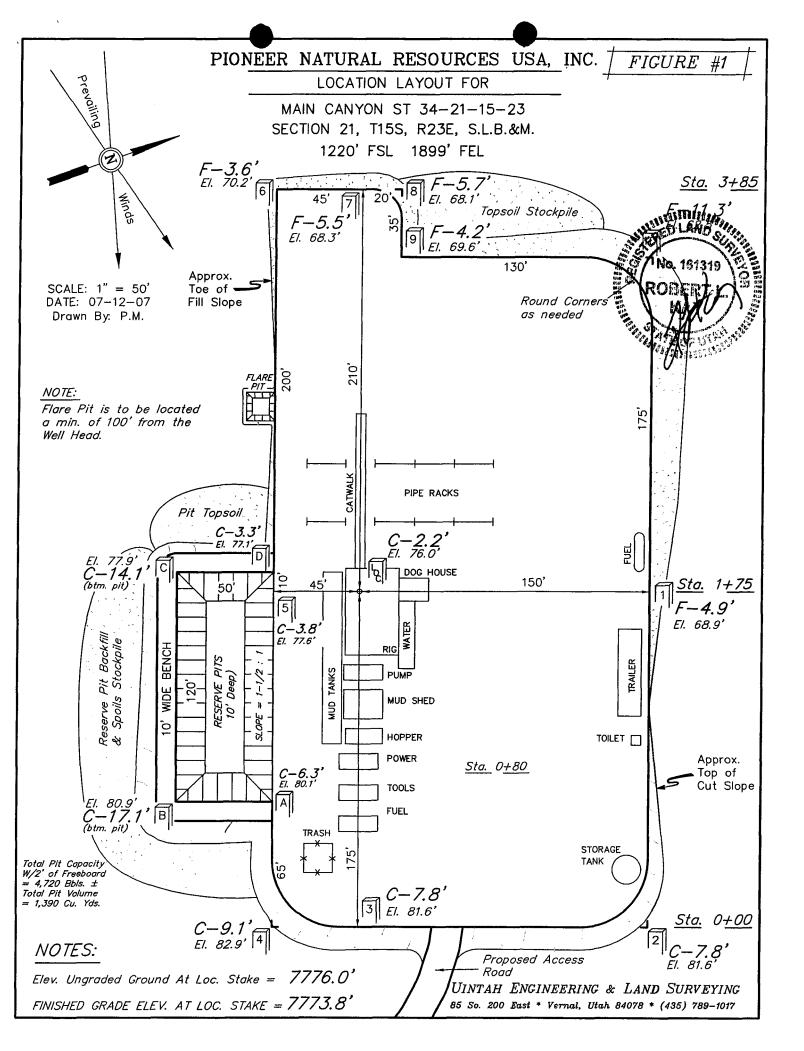


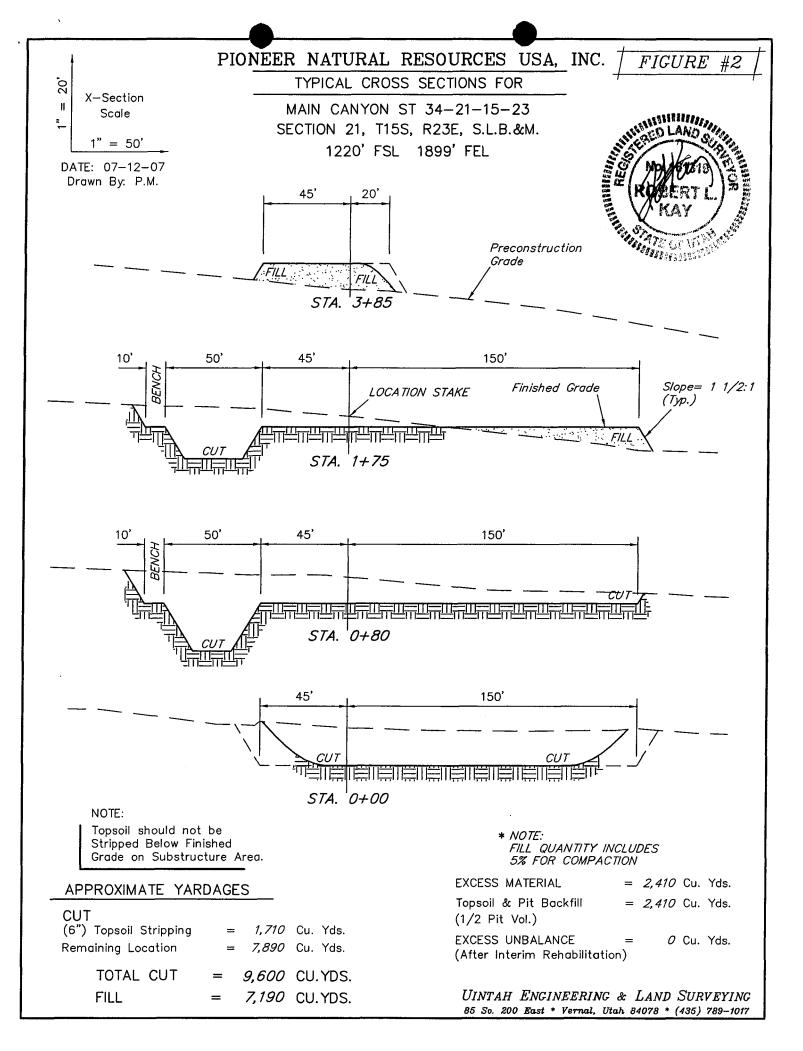


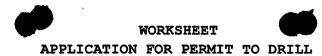




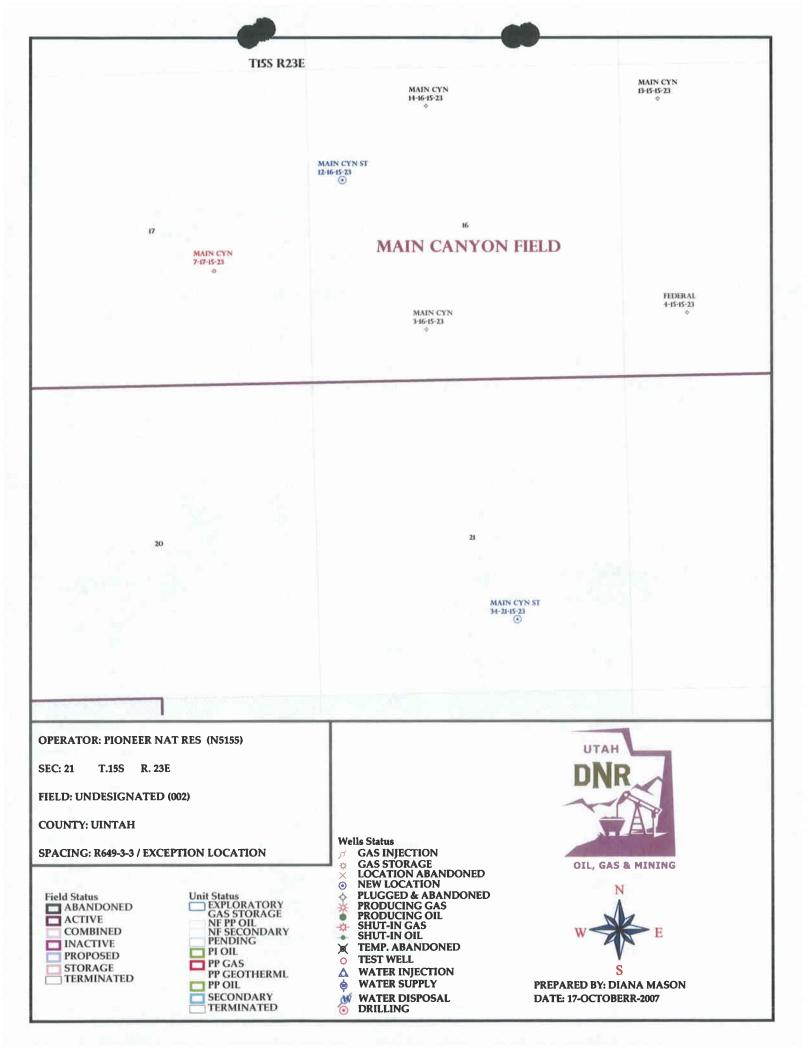








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PROPOSED LOCATION:	INSPECT LOCA	rn by: /	/				
SWSE 21 150S 230E	Tech Review	Initials	Date				
SURFACE: 1220 FSL 1899 FEL BOTTOM: 1220 FSL 1899 FEL	Engineering	000	11/2/07				
COUNTY: UINTAH	Geology						
LATITUDE: 39.49467 LONGITUDE: -109.3444  UTM SURF EASTINGS: 642362 NORTHINGS: 43727	72 Surface						
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# Statement of Basis

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APD No

API WellNo

Status

Well Type

**Surf Ownr** 

**CBM** 

574

43-047-39696-00-00

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No

Operator

Well Name MAIN CYN ST 34-21-15-23

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES USA, IN Surface Owner-APD

Unit

Field

**UNDESIGNATED** 

Type of Work

Location

SWSE 21 15S 23E S 1220 FSL 1899 FEL GPS Coord (UTM) 642362E 4372772N

#### **Geologic Statement of Basis**

Pioneer proposes to set 350' of surface casing and 5,050' of intermediate casing. The surface casing will be cemented to surface and the intermediate casing cement top is proposed at 150 feet. The base of the moderately saline water is at approximately 2,800 feet in this area. This location lies on the Green River Formation. The proposed location is in a recharge area for the aguifers of the upper Green River formation and fresh water can be expected to be found in the upper Green River. A search of Division of Water Rights records indicates no water wells within a 10,000 foot radius of the proposed location. The proposed casing and cement program should adequately protect any useable ground water.

**Brad Hill** 

11/13/2007

**APD** Evaluator

Date / Time

### **Surface Statement of Basis**

The general location is in the Book Cliff Mountains or Roan Plateau of southern Uintah County, Utah. Vernal Utah is approximately 75 air miles to the north and Ouray, Utah 51 road miles to the north. Access to the area from Ouray, Utah is following the Seep Ridge Uintah County road and oil field development roads. Approximately 230 feet of new road will be constructed to reach the proposed location. Topography in the general area is broad flat or rounded ridges generally sloping in a north or westerly direction. Ridges are intersected with draws or deep canyons. Canyon walls may become excessively steep and rimmed with exposed sandstone bedrock out crops or ledges. Main Canyon is the major drainage in the area and runs in a westerly direction into Willow Creek. The Green River formation is the surface formation. Occasional seeps or springs occur in the numerous side drainages with the only flowing stream occurring below the springs where Horse Canyon and Main Canyon join.

The Main Canyon State #34-21-15-23 well is proposed on the edge of a flat-topped ridge with a gentle slope to the north in a dense pinion/juniper forest. No significant overland flow occurs under the dense over-story. No diversions are needed. No stability problems are expected to occur with the location as proposed. The selected location appears to be a good site for constructing a pad and operating a well.

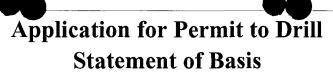
Both the minerals and surface are owned by SITLA.

Jim Davis of SITLA and Ben Williams representing the UDWR attended the pre-site.

Mr. Williams stated the area is classified as crucial value summer habitat for both deer and elk. He however made no recommendations for these species for this period because of the dense forested habitat that occurs in the area. Mr. Williams also gave Mr. Smith and Mr. Davis a copy of this evaluation and also a seed mix recommendation to be used when the reserve pit and location are reclaimed.

Floyd Bartlett **Onsite Evaluator**  11/7/2007

Date / Time



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# **Conditions of Approval / Application for Permit to Drill**

Category

Condition

Pits

11/13/2007

A synthetic liner with a minimum thickness of 16 mils with a felt subliner shall be

properly installed and maintained in the reserve pit.

### Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

Operator

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES USA, INC

Well Name

MAIN CYN ST 34-21-15-23

API Number

43-047-39696-0

APD No 574

Field/Unit UNDESIGNATED

Location: 1/4,1/4 SWSE

Sec 21

Tw 15S Rng 23E

1220 FSL 1899 FEL

**GPS Coord (UTM)** 642364

4372787

**Surface Owner** 

### **Participants**

Floyd Bartlett (DOGM), Jim Davis (SITLA), Ben Williams and Daniel Emmett (UDWR), Randy Smith (Permitco-Permitting Agent for Pioneer Natural Resources) and Luke Kay (Uintah Engineering and Land Surveying).

### Regional/Local Setting & Topography

General location is in the Book Cliff Mountains or Roan Plateau of southern Uintah County, Utah. Vernal Utah is approximately 75 air miles to the north and Ouray, Utah 51 road miles to the north. Access to the area from Ouray, Utah is following the Seep Ridge Uintah County road and oil field development roads. Approximately 230 feet of new road will be constructed to reach the proposed location. Topography in the general area is broad flat or rounded ridges generally sloping in a north or westerly direction. Ridges are intersected with draws or deep canyons. Canyon walls may become excessively steep and rimmed with exposed sandstone bedrock out crops or ledges. Main Canyon is the major drainage in the area and runs in a westerly direction into Willow Creek. The Green River formation is the surface formation. Occasional seeps or springs occur in the numerous side drainages with the only flowing stream occurring below the springs where Horse Canyon and Main Canyon join.

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Both the minerals and surface are owned by SITLA.

### Surface Use Plan

### **Current Surface Use**

Grazing

Wildlfe Habitat

Recreational

**New Road** 

Miles Well Pad

**Src Const Material** 

**Surface Formation** 

0.04

Width 255

Length 385

Onsite

GRRV

Ancillary Facilities N

### Waste Management Plan Adequate? Y

### **Environmental Parameters**

Affected Floodplains and/or Wetland N

### Flora / Fauna

Vegetation is a pinion-juniper type. Scattered understory of curl-leaf Mt. Mahogany, sagebrush, snowberry poa sp., and oak brush occur. Scattered Douglas fir trees also occur.

Deer, elk, coyotes, rabbits, bear, lion, small mammals and birds.

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### Soil Type and Characteristics

Deep sandy loam.

Erosion Issues N

Sedimentation Issues N

Site Stability Issues N

**Drainage Diverson Required** N

Berm Required? N

**Erosion Sedimentation Control Required?** N

Paleo Survey Run? N Paleo Potental Observed? N Cultural Survey Run? Y Cultural Resources? Y

### Reserve Pit

Site-Specific Factors		Site R	anking	
Distance to Groundwater (feet)	>200		0	
Distance to Surface Water (feet)	>1000		0	
Dist. Nearest Municipal Well (ft)	>5280		0	
Distance to Other Wells (feet)	>1320		0	
<b>Native Soil Type</b>	Mod permeability		10	
Fluid Type	Fresh Water		5	
Drill Cuttings	Normal Rock		0	
<b>Annual Precipitation (inches)</b>	10 to 20		5	
Affected Populations	<10		0	
<b>Presence Nearby Utility Conduits</b>				
		Final Score	20	1 Sensitivity Level

### Characteristics / Requirements

A reserve pit 50' by 120' and 10' deep in an area of cut on the southeast corner of the location. No stabilization problems are expected. A 16 mil liner will be required.

Closed Loop Mud Required? N Liner Required? Y Liner Thickness 16 Pit Underlayment Required? Y

### **Other Observations / Comments**

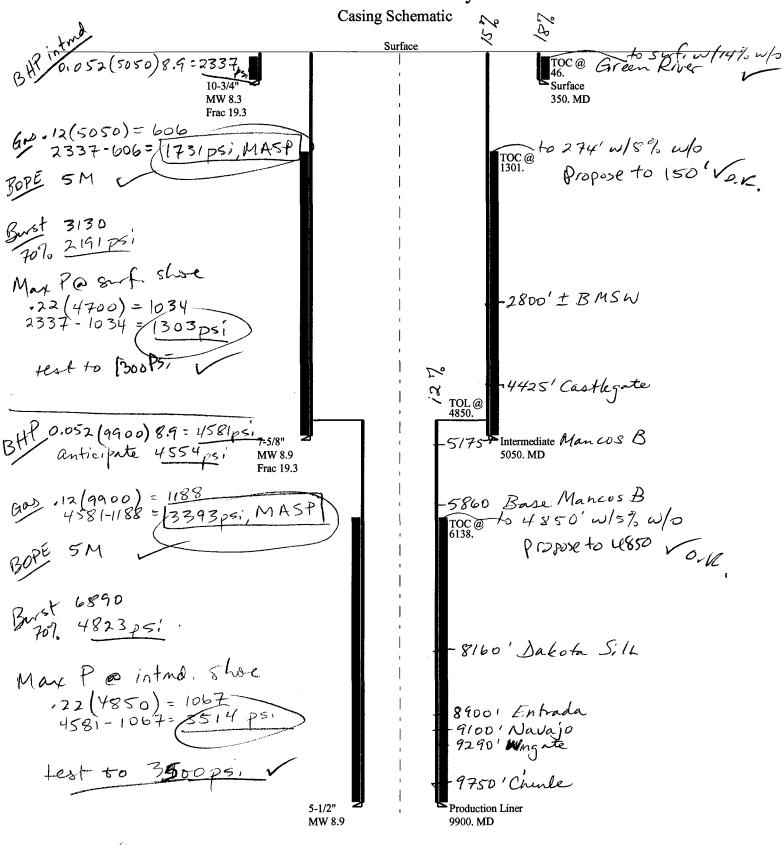
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Evaluator

11/7/2007 **Date / Time** 

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2007-11 Pioneer Main Canyon ST 34-21-15-23 Well name:

Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. Operator:

Surface String type: Project ID: 43-047-39696

**Uintah County** Location:

Minimum design factors: **Environment:** Design parameters:

Collapse Collapse: H2S considered? No 65 °F Mud weight: 8.330 ppg Design factor 1.125 Surface temperature: Design is based on evacuated pipe. Bottom hole temperature: 70 °F

1.40 °F/100ft Temperature gradient: Minimum section length: 250 ft

Burst:

1.00 Design factor Cement top: 46 ft Burst

Max anticipated surface pressure: 308 psi

Internal gradient: 0.120 psi/ft Tension: Non-directional string. 8 Round STC: Calculated BHP 350 psi 1.80 (J)

8 Round LTC: 1.80 (J) 1.60 (J) Annular backup: 8.33 ppg **Buttress:** 

Premium: 1.50 (J) Body yield: 1.50 (B) Re subsequent strings:

Next setting depth: 5,050 ft Tension is based on buoyed weight. Next mud weight: 8.900 ppg

Next setting BHP: 2,335 psi Neutral point: 307 ft Fracture mud wt: 19.250 ppg

Fracture depth: 350 ft Injection pressure: 350 psi

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Run Segment Nominal End True Vert Measured Drift Internal Weight **Finish** Depth Depth Diameter Capacity Seq Length Size Grade (in) (lbs/ft) (ft) (ft) (in) (ft³) (ft) ST&C 350 350 1 350 10.75 40.50 K-55 9.925 192.8 Collapse **Burst** Run Collapse Collapse **Burst Burst Tension Tension** Tension Design Strength Design Load Strength Design Load Strength Seq Load **Factor Factor Factor** (psi) (psi) (psi) (psi) (Kips) (Kips)

3130

10.16

308

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450

36.16 J

Remarks:

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Collapse is based on a vertical depth of 350 ft, a mud weight of 8.33 ppg. The casing is considered to be evacuated for collapse purposes. Collapse strength is based on the Westcott, Dunlop & Kemler method of biaxial correction for tension.

Burst strength is not adjusted for tension.

Well name:

2007-11 Pioneer Main Canyon ST 34-21-15-23

Operator:

Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc.

8.900 ppg

String type:

Intermediate

Project ID:

43-047-39696

Location:

**Uintah County** 

D	esi	ign	paramete	ers:
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**Collapse** 

Mud weight: Design is based on evacuated pipe. Minimum design factors: Collapse:

Design factor

1.125

**Environment:** 

H2S considered? Surface temperature: Bottom hole temperature:

No 65 °F 136 °F

1.40 °F/100ft Temperature gradient: Minimum section length: 1,500 ft

**Burst:** 

Design factor

1.00

1.80 (J)

1.80 (J)

1.60 (J)

Cement top:

1,301 ft

<u>Burst</u>

Max anticipated surface

pressure: Internal gradient: Calculated BHP

2,399 psi 0.220 psi/ft 3,510 psi

No backup mud specified.

**Tension:** 

8 Round STC: 8 Round LTC: Buttress:

1.50 (J) Premium: Body yield: 1.50 (B)

Tension is based on buoyed weight. Neutral point: 4,379 ft

Non-directional string.

Re subsequent strings:

Next setting depth: 9,900 ft Next mud weight: 8.900 ppg Next setting BHP: 4,577 psi

Fracture mud wt: Fracture depth: Injection pressure: 19.250 ppg 5,050 ft 5,050 psi

Run Seq	Segment Length (ft)	Size (in)	Nominal Weight (lbs/ft)	Grade	End Finish	True Vert Depth (ft)	Measured Depth (ft)	Drift Diameter (in)	Internal Capacity (ft³)
1	5050	7.625	29.70	N-80	LT&C	5050	5050	6.75	1301.9
Run Seq	Collapse Load (psi) 2335	Collapse Strength (psi) 4790	Collapse Design Factor 2.052	Burst Load (psi) 3510	Burst Strength (psi) 6890	Burst Design Factor 1.96	Tension Load (Kips) 130	Tension Strength (Kips) 575	Tension Design Factor 4.42 J

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Remarks:

Collapse is based on a vertical depth of 5050 ft, a mud weight of 8.9 ppg. The casing is considered to be evacuated for collapse purposes. Collapse strength is based on the Westcott, Dunlop & Kemler method of biaxial correction for tension.

Burst strength is not adjusted for tension.

2007-11 Pioneer Main Canyon ST 34-21-15-23 Well name:

Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. Operator:

**Production Liner** String type:

Project ID: 43-047-39696

**Uintah County** Location:

**Design parameters:** Minimum design factors: **Environment:** 

Collapse: H2S considered? **Collapse** 

Mud weight: Design factor Surface temperature: 65 °F 8.900 ppg 1.125 Bottom hole temperature: 204 °F Design is based on evacuated pipe. 1.40 °F/100ft

Temperature gradient: Minimum section length: 1,500 ft

No

**Burst:** 

Design factor 1.00 Cement top: 6,138 ft

<u>Burst</u> Max anticipated surface

pressure: 2,399 psi Liner top: 4,850 ft Non-directional string.

0.220 psi/ft Internal gradient: **Tension:** 1.80 (J) Calculated BHP 4,577 psi 8 Round STC:

8 Round LTC: 1.80 (J) No backup mud specified. 1.60 (J) Buttress:

Premium: 1.50 (J) 1.50 (B) Body yield:

Tension is based on buoyed weight.

Neutral point: 9,212 ft

Run Seq	Segment Length (ft)	Size (in)	Nominal Weight (lbs/ft)	Grade	End Finish	True Vert Depth (ft)	Measured Depth (ft)	Drift Diameter (in)	Internal Capacity (ft³)
1	5100	5.5	17.00	N-80	LT&C	9900	9900	4.767	665.7
Run Seq	Collapse Load (psi)	Collapse Strength (psi)	Collapse Design Factor	Burst Load (psi)	Burst Strength (psi)	Burst Design Factor	Tension Load (Kips)	Tension Strength (Kips)	Tension Design Factor
1	4577	6290	1.374	4577	7740	1.69	75	348	4.64 J

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For this liner string, the top is rounded to the nearest 100 ft. Collapse is based on a vertical depth of 9900 ft, a mud weight of 8.9 ppg The Collapse strength is based on the Westcott, Dunlop & Kemler method of biaxial correction for tension.

Burst strength is not adjusted for tension.

From:

Ed Bonner

To:

Mason, Diana

Date: Subject: 1/8/2008 12:05 PM

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Well Clearance

CC:

Davis, Jim; Garrison, LaVonne; Hill, Brad; Jarvis, Dan

The following wells have been given cultural resources clearance by the Trust Lands Cultural Resources Group:

#### ConocoPhillips Company

Utah 29-574D (API 43 015 30735)

### EOG Resources, Inc

CWU 956-32 (API 43 047 39515)

### Kerr McGee Oil & Gas Onshore LP

NBU 1021-2N (API 43 047 38840)

### **Newfield Production Company**

Wells Draw Fed C-5-9-16 (API 43 013 33753)

State 1A-16-9-16 (API 43 013 33845)

State 2A-16-9-16 (API 43 013 33846)

State 3-16-9-16 (API 43 013 33847)

State 4-16-9-16 (API 43 013 33848)

State 5-16-9-16 (API 43 013 33849)

State 6-16-9-16 (API 43 013 33850)

State 12-16-9-16 (API 43 013 33852)

State 13-16-9-16 (API 43 013 33853)

State 16-16-9-16 (API 43 013 33854)

### Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc

Main Canyon State 12-16-15-23 (API 43 047 39695)

Main Canyon State 34-21-15-23 (API 43 047 39696)

Horse Point State 34-10-16-23 (API 43 019 31558)

Horse Point State 41-1-16-23 (API 43 019 31599)

Grand Canyon State 23-35-15.5-23 (API 43 019 31560)

If you have any questions regarding this matter please give me a call.





MICHAEL R. STYLER Executive Director

Division of Oil Gas and Mining

JOHN R. BAZA
Division Director

January 8, 2008

Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. 1401 17th St., Ste 1200 Denver, CO 80202

Re:

Main Canyon St 34-21-15-23 Well, 1220' FSL, 1899' FEL, SW SE, Sec. 21, T. 15 South,

R. 23 East, Uintah County, Utah

### Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the provisions and requirements of Utah Code Ann.§ 40-6-1 et seq., Utah Administrative Code R649-3-1 et seq., and the attached Conditions of Approval, approval to drill the referenced well is granted.

Appropriate information has been submitted to DOGM and administrative approval of the requested exception location is hereby granted.

This approval shall expire one year from the above date unless substantial and continuous operation is underway, or a request for extension is made prior to the expiration date. The API identification number assigned to this well is 43-047-39696.

Sincerely,

Gil Hunt

**Associate Director** 

My ZLF

pab Enclosures

cc:

**Uintah County Assessor** 

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Operator:			Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc.						
Well Name	e & Number_			Main Canyon St 34-21-15-23					
API Numb	er:			43-047-39696					
Lease:				ML-50426					
Location:	SW SE	Sec.	21	T. 15 South R. 23 East					

### **Conditions of Approval**

### 1. General

Compliance with the requirements of Utah Admin. R. 649-1 et seq., the Oil and Gas Conservation General Rules, and the applicable terms and provisions of the approved Application for permit to drill.

### 2. Notification Requirements

The operator is required to notify the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining of the following action during drilling of this well:

- 24 hours prior to cementing or testing casing contact Dan Jarvis
- 24 hours prior to testing blowout prevention equipment contact Dan Jarvis
- 24 hours prior to spudding the well contact Carol Daniels
- Within 24 hours of any emergency changes made to the approved drilling program contact Dustin Doucet
- Prior to commencing operations to plug and abandon the well contact Dan Jarvis

The operator is required to get approval from the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining before performing any of the following actions during the drilling of this well:

- Plugging and abandonment or significant plug back of this well contact Dustin Doucet
- Any changes to the approved drilling plan contact Dustin Doucet

The following are Division of Oil, Gas and Mining contacts and their telephone numbers (please leave a voice mail message if the person is not available to take the call):

Dan Jarvis at:

(801) 538-5338 office

(801) 942-0873 home

• Carol Daniels at:

(801) 538-5284 office

• Dustin Doucet at:

(801) 538-5281 office

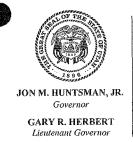
(801) 733-0983 home

# 3. Reporting Requirements

All required reports, forms and submittals will be promptly filed with the Division, including but not limited to the Entity Action Form (Form 6), Report of Water Encountered During Drilling (Form 7), Weekly Progress Reports for drilling and completion operations, and Sundry Notices and Reports on Wells requesting approval of change of plans or other operational actions.

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- 4. Compliance with the State of Utah Antiquities Act forbids disturbance of archeological, historical, or paleontological remains. Should archeological, historical or paleontological remains be encountered during your operations, you are required to immediately suspend all operations and immediately inform the Trust Lands Administration and the Division of State History of the discovery of such remains.
- 5. Compliance with the Conditions of Approval/Application for Permit to Drill outlined in the Statement of Basis. (Copy Attached)
- 6. This proposed well is located in an area for which drilling units (well spacing patterns) have not been established through an order of the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining (the "Board"). In order to avoid the possibility of waste or injury to correlative rights, the operator is requested, once the well has been drilled, completed, and has produced, to analyze geological and engineering data generated therefrom, as well as any similar data from surrounding areas if available. As soon as is practicable after completion of its analysis, and if the analysis suggests an area larger than the quarter-quarter section upon which the well is located is being drained, the operator is requested to seek an appropriate order from the Board establishing drilling and spacing units in conformance with such analysis by filing a Request for Agency Action with the Board.



# State of Utah

## DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

MICHAEL R. STYLER
Executive Director

Division of Oil, Gas and Mining

JOHN R. BAZA
Division Director

March 19, 2009

Pioneer Natural Resources USA, Inc. 1401 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1200 Denver, CO 80202

Re: <u>APD Rescinded – Main Canyon St. 34-21-15-23, Sec. 21, T. 15S,</u>

R. 23E, Uintah County, Utah, API No. 43-047-39696

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Application for Permit to Drill (APD) for the subject well was approved by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (Division) on January 8, 2008. No drilling activity at this location has been reported to the division. Therefore, approval to drill the well is hereby rescinded, effective March 19, 2009.

A new APD must be filed with this office for approval <u>prior</u> to the commencement of any future work on the subject location.

If any previously unreported operations have been performed on this well location, it is imperative that you notify the Division immediately.

Sincerely,

Diana Masor

**Environmental Scientist** 

cc:

Well File .

SITLA, Ed Bonner

